

MCLAUGHLIN SENT BACK TO BROOKLYN. DEVEREY BEATS EVERY

SMALL-POX IN SCHOOL BOARD.

Treasurer Busse Attacked--His Sisters Are Teachers.

Three new cases of small-pox were reported to the Health Board to-day. They were: Henry McNamara, twenty-two years old, of 166 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street; Mabel Lyons, nineteen months, 179 Lexington avenue; A. Emily Goodwin, thirty-five years old, of 227 Lexington avenue.

Edward Bussey, thirty-three years old, of 1041 Trinity avenue, Treasurer of the Board of Education, was to-day removed from his home to North Brother Island suffering from small-pox.

He lives in the house with his wife and two sisters, May and Mary, and his father.

The treasurer's sisters received pupils at their home. His father, who lived in the same house, is a practicing dentist.

A rumor was current this morning that small-pox had broken out in two family hotels on the west side. Assistant Sanitary Superintendent Dillingham absolutely denied it.

Dr. Dillingham declared that small-pox was prevalent all over the United States. In Manchester, N. H., the post-house was full and the authorities there do not know what to do with other cases that may come. In Winona, Minn., there are 40 cases. The authorities have closed the schools and forbidden the street cars to pass through the infected districts.

There are cases in Decatur, Ill., and small towns throughout the Indian Territory. It has also obtained foot-drag in Central Texas.

Doctors from the Health Board appeared at Police Headquarters yesterday and vaccinated all members of the force from patrolmen to inspectors.

Jennie Goetz, of 143 Brook avenue, had been on a visit to Astoria and came home ill with the small-pox. Her father works at 133 Broadway and her brother at 101 Spring street. There are nine in the family. Two of the girls, Florence and Alice, work in a large dry-goods store on Westchester avenue, and the children in the family attend a public school in One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, between Willis and Brook streets.

Assistant Sanitary Supt. Monahan sent inspectors this afternoon to the dry-goods store where one of the infected girls are employed. When the chief inspector reached the dry-goods store with his staff of vaccinators and attempted to vaccinate one of the proprietors, he was barred by her.

The chief inspector threatened to call the police on a final notice and came home ill with the small-pox. The proprietors were allowed to go up.

Dr. Monahan said that this was the first instance of any trouble in the Bronx in connection with vaccination.

GRANDDAUGHTER OF LINCOLN DIVORCED.



Jessie Lincoln Beckwith Separated from Her Husband.

(Special to The Evening World.) MOUNT PLEASANT, Iowa, Dec. 21.—Jessie T. Lincoln Beckwith, granddaughter of Abraham Lincoln, and daughter of Robert T. Lincoln, ex-Secretary of War, is no longer the wife of Warren Beckwith.

This fact was made public to-day in the Probate Court here when the case of James C. Whitford against Mrs. Robert T. Lincoln was called for trial. No detailed statement was made, but it was asserted that Mrs. Beckwith was divorced from her husband. When and where this alleged divorce was secured is not known.

The elopement of Jessie Lincoln with Warren Wallace Beckwith was the occasion of much talk at the time. He was half-back on the football team of the Iowa Wesleyan University, and Mrs. Lincoln met him at Mount Pleasant, where she was visiting her grandfather, ex-Senator Harlan.

The infatuation of each for the other was most marked, and when Miss Lincoln returned to her home in Chicago, Beckwith followed her to that city. Miss Lincoln's parents did not approve of Beckwith as a son-in-law, and on Nov. 10, 1897, they went to Milwaukee, where they were married.

Immediately after the marriage the eloping couple returned to Chicago. Mrs. Beckwith going to the home of her parents, and the bridegroom hurrying post haste to Mount Vernon to participate in a championship game of football for his college against Monmouth University.

After the game Beckwith went back to Chicago and found his mother-in-law, who was his father-in-law's stern and unrelenting.

Five days after the marriage Beckwith called at the home of his bride, but was denied admission. Later in the day Mrs. Beckwith, accompanied by her mother, drove to a railroad station and boarded a train for Mount Pleasant.

She went to join her husband without the blessing of her father. She has been heard of them by the public since.

At the time of the marriage Miss Lincoln was twenty-one years old and Beckwith about thirty-six.

MCLAUGHLIN LOSES NO TIME GETTING BACK TO OLD POST.

Options transferring Deputy Chief Devereux back to Queens County and Deputy Chief McLaughlin to his old post in Brooklyn were sent from Hudson street headquarters to Brooklyn headquarters by telephone at 4:50 o'clock. Five minutes later Deputy Chief McLaughlin was in his old office and Clayton was moving his belongings to a room which he had found outside for several hours in anticipation of the change.

Typewritten orders from Chief Devereux followed the telephone orders closely.

MISS LAWRENCE FAINTED IN COURT.

Afternoon Lawrence, who is married with two children, is waiting her sister Bertha, wanted to court this afternoon when she and her sister Magistrate Hogan that she had been shamefully handled. It was some time before the proceedings could go on. The defendant was held in \$300 for trial.

STRIKERS ORDERED NOT TO PICKET.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court today lay down a decision in the case of Samuel J. Davis, et al. against Nathan Rosenberg et al. The Court affirmed the order of the Appellate Division restraining the defendants from picketing, with the exception of a business through "picketing" in the neighborhood during business hours.

RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

FIFTH RACE—English 1. To-day 6. Judge May 5. A. SIXTH RACE—Midsummer 2. To-day 3. Judge May 5. A.

GUNBOAT ANNAPOLIS IS DRIVEN ASHORE.

Storm Along Coast and in England Wrecks Many Ships.

NORFOLK, Dec. 21.—The United States gunboat Annapolis, recently fitted out at the Norfolk Navy-Yard for service in the east, and which is now awaiting orders to sail, ran aground in the harbor here to-day. She was lying at anchor off the Lambert coal pier when the storm struck here this morning and swung her stern on the mud. She lay aground until this afternoon when the tug E. V. McCauley and Katie succeeded in floating her. The vessel is not thought to be much injured.

The big Chesapeake and Ohio liner Rapidan, which grounded in the lower Chesapeake Bay, is reported by the Virginia pilots this afternoon to have been successfully floated.

The worst storm of the year swept Virginia to-day. Four inches of snow had fallen in Richmond up to noon. The coast is storm swept. The three-masted schooner Jennie Hull, of Machias, Me., is a total loss, eight miles south of Cape Henry. Capt. Lansen and one man were drowned. Capt. Lansen commanded the schooner Fannie Brown, lost on Hatteras coast last year. His home is in Boston.

The schooner Mary Hudson was sunk by a tug here to-day.

The United States transport Crook, which arrived from Porto Rico, yesterday, put to sea this morning in an awful gale, the wind blowing forty-four miles an hour at the time and a heavy sea rolling. The Crook is supposed to be bound to New York.

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McLaughlin Restored to Brooklyn and Clayton Sent Back to Queens—Abell Votes with Other Commissioners.

Chief Devereux was turned down by the Police Board this afternoon following the opinion of Corporation Counsel Whalen that the transfer of a deputy chief is outside the powers of the Chief.

By resolution the Board voted to restore Deputy Chief McLaughlin to his command in Brooklyn. The resolution was offered by President York.

Commissioner Abell voted "aye," covering himself with a remark, the substance of which was that as the Corporation Counsel said it was wrong to transfer McLaughlin, he would vote the way he did whether he had an opinion of his own or not.

The result is taken by politicians to mean that Tammany Hall has executed a complete backdown before the protest of the Brooklyn Democrats.

By order of the Board, therefore, Deputy Chief Clayton goes back to Queens and McLaughlin returns to Brooklyn.

Chief Devereux visited Headquarters unexpectedly this afternoon, saw Commissioners Sexton and Abell and then went away.

He did not know of Mr. Whalen's opinion when he left Headquarters.

NO AUTHORITY, SAYS WHALEN.

Corporation Counsel's Opinion that McLaughlin's Transfer Was Illegal.

Corporation Counsel Whalen gave to President York, of the Police Board, this afternoon his official opinion that Chief Devereux had no power to assign or transfer a Deputy Chief of Police without authority of the Board.

This means that the Chief exceeded his authority in the recent police shake-up and that, notably in the case of Deputy Chief McLaughlin, who had been assigned by the Board to the borough of Brooklyn, the transfer will not hold.

President York received the opinion at 2:30 o'clock. It remains now for the Board to take action. It will have to decide what punishment shall be meted out to Devereux.

Whether he is to remain at the head of the Police Department depends upon the four members of the Board.

In his opinion Corporation Counsel Whalen says:

"The real question to be solved is whether or not the power of the Board is to be exercised once for all as the creation of a permanent system, or is there a continuing power of assignment given to the Board which is opposed to the powers of transfer of the Chief of Police contained in section 227."

"As broad as are the powers given to the Chief of Police in section 22, in my opinion they do not affect the provisions of section 227."

"It is true that the provisions of section 22 state that 'the Chief of Police shall be assigned to duty by the Board and members of the police force and shall have power to change such assignments' is very broad and sweeping."

"That he has not, however, power to assign to duty the Deputy Chief of Police, specified in section 228, is undeniable, and therefore it would seem that the provisions of section 22 must be read in connection with the exception mentioned in section 227."

"And if the original assignment of a Deputy Chief is by statute taken out of the power of the Chief, I see no reason why the succeeding assignment should not be governed by the same rule, and be controlled by the provisions of section 22, which gives specifically to the Police Board the power of assignment."

"My conclusion, therefore, is that the Police Board had and has the power."

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XMAS QUEEN BADLY BURNED.

Child Caught Fire at Public School Fete.

There was a Christmas fete at Public School No. 14, on North Moore street, this afternoon, in which three hundred young children participated, and it nearly caused a great loss of life. As it was, Carrie Handley, fourteen years old, of 14 Greenview street, was severely burned about the face and body and may die, while the principal of the school, Mrs. Conway, was also badly burned.

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GOOD DAY FOR XMAS SHOPPERS.

Christmas shoppers will have good weather to-morrow according to the Weather Chief.

The cloudy weather in New York to-day is occasioned by a storm off Hatteras, which is moving toward the northeast. The Weather Bureau predicts that to-morrow there will be easterly and northwesterly gales off the North Atlantic and Nova Scotia coasts, which will extend to Newfoundland to-morrow.

"There will be no storm in New York City to-morrow," said Chief Moore. "There may be some heavy gales a considerable distance off shore, but there will be good weather in the city Saturday."

HE STOLE BREAD; SENT TO ISLAND.

After having walked all the way from Philadelphia, begged his way across the ferry and walked the streets of New York all last night, Luke Pakich, twenty-six years old, was arrested at daylight for stealing a loaf of bread from David Elliott's delicatessen store, at 521 Lexington avenue.

Elliott caught his arrest as he sat on the sidewalk, hungrily devouring his bread. In the Yorkville Police Court Pakich told of having lost his job in Philadelphia in November. He could obtain no work and started to walk to this city, leaving Philadelphia Monday morning last.

He reached Jersey City last night, begged enough money to get across on the ferry-boat and walked the streets all night.

"I am not a thief," he told Magistrate Hogan, "but I was hungry. I took the bread."

With consent of the complainant the charge was changed from larceny to disorderly conduct and the prisoner sent to the island for three months.

"You will be better off there for the winter," said Magistrate Hogan.

ALONE WITH INSANE AND STARVING FATHER.

Remarkable Devotion of Two Little Girls Who Themselves Were Slowly Dying.

While the streets were full of Christmas shoppers and the windows full of the gay plenty of the holiday season, when even criminals locked in prison have some cheer, James Stewart lay in his Harlem flat, a maniac through starvation.

Eight-year-old Madeline and Maud, three years younger, his daughters, attended him, themselves wasted away to pitiful little shadows. The blood-thrilling cries of the madman were often mingled with the sobs of the girls, whose white pinched faces and lack-lustre eyes told of the terrible ordeal to which they were subjected.

After they denied themselves that their father might have the last crust of bread they were often so weak that they could scarcely stand. But the one thought in their loyal little hearts was of father.

James Stewart is forty-two years old, a painter, and has been out of work for four months. Half of that time he has been ill and with no money, and he and his daughters were dependent on their neighbors, poor almost as themselves. Piece by piece the furniture in the small flat, at 69 East One Hundred and Ninth street, was pawned, until at last there only remained two beds and three chairs. The floor was bare, there was seldom fire in the stove, and the cupboard was always empty, except when it was tenanted by a part of a stale loaf of bread and a little tea.

They ate only once a day, and the bread and the tea were their fare.

And the sick man grew weaker and weaker. His talk became strange—of money that he had in millions; of the Christmas feast that he would give Madeline and Maud; of the fine dresses and jewels that they would wear for being so kind to their old father. They should have everything their hearts desired, he said. And while his voice broken to a pathetic treble told of all these wonders he and his children were slowly starving.

Sometimes they, with the faith of children in fairy stories, believed him and blunted their hunger by the golden anticipation of what was to come to them. But poverty is a great educator as well as a cruel shatterer of dreams, and one day, when the elder girl drew her sister aside and told her that she felt that none of the promises were to come true—that "dad is loopy"—both burst into tears and felt more than ever the bitterness of their lot.

Finally word of the conditions in the Stewart flat reached the Gerry Society. Agent St. John went yesterday to investigate. Used to such scenes of poverty and suffering, he was shocked at what he saw.

The father was propped up in his squalid bed, wasted almost to a skeleton and looking like a man almost twice his age. He was rambling, telling the story of what Christmas would bring them.

"We shall have the finest feast in the world," he said. "I've seen the turkey. I saw a small live-looking cow."

The girls cried when they learned they would be separated from him. He was moved to the Harlem Hospital. Made up and placed in a comfortable room in the apartment, although they paid no rent.

Two weeks ago Maud gave Stewart some painting to do about the house, but the man was so weak that he fell from the ladder. Magistrate Hogan permitted the family to remain in the apartments, although they paid no rent.

At the Harlem Hospital, Dr. Hearn, who is attending Stewart, says the man is in a pitiable condition, due solely to starvation. He is being tenderly cared for and may be out of the institution in a short time.

CREW IN PERIL ON SCHOONER.

Life-Savers Unable to Reach Vessel Ashore Near Cape Henlopen.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—A big schooner is reported ashore on Hen and Chicken Shoals, just below Cape Henlopen. The wind is so fierce that the life savers are unable to send any assistance to the crew. Her name cannot be made out.

LINER CUFIC IN GREAT PERIL.

Riding at Anchor in Heavy Seaway Off Skerries Rocks.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The White Star liner Cufic, which was caught in a dis-

TERRIFIC STORM IN ENGLAND.

Steamship Westernland Safe After a Fierce Struggle with the Elements.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—After a fearful night, during which the storm threatened to drive both vessels ashore, the Red Star liner Westernland, towed by the steamer Somerhill, got safely into West Bay, near Weymouth, to-day.

It was impossible for the Somerhill to get the disabled liner to Southampton owing to the fierceness of the gale, and Capt. Cooke made for the nearest cove of safety. It was a terrible struggle, and finally rockets were sent up for assistance, and three tugs were despatched to aid the vessels.

The coastguards had the rocket apparatus in the vicinity of the storm-beaten craft in readiness to assist the ships, which were about a mile from the shore. The Somerhill is apparently considerably damaged and tugs have gone to her assistance.

The Somerhill was reported on Dec. 19 as having passed the island that day, having in tow the Westernland. The Westernland, from New York, was reported to have lost her propeller and the Somerhill was towing her to Southampton at that time. As neither vessel has been reported since, it is believed that they were lost.

When the Westernland left Antwerp she had on board 37 cabin and 39 steerage passengers. No prominent persons were on board.

300 FISHERMEN LAY FOR TRAIN TO BEHEAD HIM.

(Special to The Evening World.) GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 21.—Capt. John Carroll, of the schooner Niagara, who has arrived here from a fishing trip, states that he touched at St. Pierre and found the town in sorrow.

Gales which prevailed during the fall wrought destruction among the French boats in the fishing banks, especially on Grand Banks and here. A large number of vessels had been lost.

The loss of life amounted to 300.

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